

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Todd J. Mortier et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application No.: 09/981,790)	Examiner: Willse, D. H.
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Filed: October 19, 2001)	
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For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM)	Confirmation No.: 6743
TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE)	
AND METHOD)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Communication mailed on September 24, 2008, the period for response having been extended to March 24, 2009, by a Petition for Extension of Time -- Five Months -- and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.